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SUBJ:EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL, MARCH 7, 1978: CYPRUS

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1. THE MARCH 7 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL AGREED WITHOUT DEBATE TO A NEW DIRECTIVE TO THE EC COMMISSION CONCERNING NEGOTIATIONS WITH CYPRUS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS (REFTEL). ACCORDING TO PERMREP OFFICIALS, THE NEW DIRECTIVE INCLUDES IMPROVED TARIFF REDUCTIONS FOR 1978 AND 1979 (BUT WHICH ARE LESS THAN THOSE PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION) WITH SLIGHTLY GREATER REDUCTIONS IN 1978 THAN IN 1979. A UK PERMREP OFFICIAL HAS TOLD US THAT THE BRITISH LIFTED THEIR WAITING RESERVE ON THE DIRECTIVE AFTER RECEIVING ASSURANCES FROM THE COMMISSION THAT AUTONOMOUS MEASURES GOVERNING COMMUNITY IMPORTS FROM  
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CYPRUS DURING THE INTERIM LEADING UP TO CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT WOULD ALSO BE IMPROVED.

2. IN COMMENTS TO THE PRESS AFTER THE MEETING, UK MINISTER OF STATE FRANK JUDD EMPHASIZED THE BRITISH VIEW THAT EC POLICIES SHOULD NOT ADD STILL MORE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES TO CYPRIOT POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES. HE SAID

THAT, ALTHOUGH THE NEW DIRECTIVE REPRESENTS AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THE PREVIOUS NEGOTIATING MANDATE, IT WAS "NOT FRANKLY WHAT THE UK OR CYPRUS WOULD HAVE LIKED TO SEE." HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT HMG AND CYPRUS COULD KEEP CLOSELY IN TOUCH DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. COMMISSION SOURCES INDICATE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD RESUME NEXT WEEK. HINTON

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